

# **PLUMAS- SIERRA COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL**

**Strengthening Local Agriculture & Access to Healthy Food**

**Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2014**

**In Attendance:** Darla DeRuiter, Kristi Jamason, Elizabeth Powell, Cody Reed, Zach Revene

## **Updates from Working Groups:**

### **Policy**

- The California Food Policy Council recently completed and released its 2013 legislative report card on California legislation related to food and farming with a press conference/media event on January 8. The report card can be accessed at: <https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6083/images/CAFoodPolRepr7sm-1.pdf>
- Kristi reported on the CA Food Policy Council meeting from December 10, 2013. CAFPC has decided to hold more phone meetings than in the past, which should increase the ability of more remote counties / representatives to participate, as well as for us to participate more frequently. There will also be regional group meetings (tentatively Plumas is grouped with Shasta, Nevada, Sacramento, Yolo Fresno and Kern Counties) – a sort of Central Valley/Mountain grouping.
- Plumas County Food Regulation Roadmap - Elizabeth volunteered to begin researching food policy information for Plumas County and consolidating it into a single reference document. Initial topics will include any available food policy language pertaining to agriculture, raw products, or cottage foods in Plumas County. Kristi will keep the group informed of the progress of the Washoe County model. This will serve as the beginning document for the Plumas County Food Regulation Roadmap.

### **Community Education**

- Cody is working on the next Food Matters column for the newspaper.

### **Youth Education**

- A new roof has been installed over the bench at the Alder Street Garden.
- Greenville Digging-In has begun its move over to the Indian Valley Elementary school site.
- The School Needs Assessment that Cody was working on to gauge the level of interest and need for agriculture programs in schools had mixed results, and it remains unclear how much commitment exists to pursue such programs.
- The Digging-In Program will be recruiting new members to its Executive Committee. These positions are filled on a volunteer basis. Digging-In will be reaching out to the community soon about this

### **FEED**

- Due to limited participation, FEED has decided to only convene meetings on an as-needed basis. Elizabeth will reach-out to FEED members to notify them of this change.

- Elizabeth will put together a list of things needed, or barriers to, increasing the number of small farms in the area. This will be presented to the group at the next meeting for discussion.

#### **Team Zero**

- An Acorn Workshop was held at the Quincy Co-op on 1/13/14.

#### **Other News:**

- A Farm & Garden Expo is being planned for April 26, 2014, to be held at the Grange Hall in Vinton. The intent is for attendees to gain practical knowledge for producing (backyard and professional) and selling food. The contact is Laural Colberg of Sierra Valley Grange.

#### **Presentation to the Board of Supervisors**

The PowerPoint presentation for the Plumas County Board of Supervisors was reviewed and edited. Cody had put time into rearranging and redesigning slides for flow and clarity. Details like slide animations, and including General Plan language were discussed.

The Food Council will present to the Supervisors on Tuesday, January 11. Time and duration to be determined.

#### **Next Time**

**\*\*\*Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2014, in the large conference room at Public Health; from 3 – 5 pm\*\*\***

**General Agenda Items:** Finalize PowerPoint revision; Practice the presentation.